

19 February 1952

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Plans)

SUBJECT:

Testimony on the [REDACTED]

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1. In accordance with instructions from your office, I called Mr. Robert Morris, Special Counsel for the Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee investigating the Institute of Pacific Relations and related matters. I told Mr. Morris that inasmuch as they had the testimony of [REDACTED] on his personal recollection, the Director believed it appropriate to inform the Committee of the Agency position in regard to the proposal made by [REDACTED]

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2. I stated the position of the Agency to be that if [REDACTED] to testify concerning his suggestion that we use certain people reported to be Communists and if we were called on to make a statement in connection therewith, the Director would testify that the Agency had no way of knowing what [REDACTED] intended specifically at the time he made the suggestion, but that from the very nature of its functions and duties it is necessary for the Agency to consider the views, recommendations and advice of people of all shades of political beliefs and from time to time to utilize all types of people in appropriate manner.

3. Mr. Morris said he understood the Agency's viewpoint and would discuss it with the Committee and that he appreciated being informed at this time.

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